

Connecticut Youth Suicide Prevention Initiative (CYSPI)  
Advisory Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2007  
United Way  
Wethersfield, CT  
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

In Attendance: Allison Case, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS); Andrea Duarte, DMHAS; Marianne McDougall, DMHAS intern; Allyson Nadeau, CT Behavioral Health Partnership (CT BHP); Susan Moores, United Way of CT; Judith Stonger, CT Clearinghouse; Bill Turek, State Department of Education (SDE); Faith Vos Winkel, Office of the Child Advocate

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Contracts

- All Connecticut State University contracts have been received.
- Wheeler Clinic's contract is also in and Trumbull has signed.
- SMH is the only outstanding contract. They have asked to review additional DMHAS/State of CT materials and forms.

Training

- Half-day SOS training scheduled 8/28 for CTHSS, Trumbull school counselors and EMPS staff at CCSU Institute of Technology and Business Development. Training will be repeated annually. Bill T will discuss parental consent procedures and Andrea will complete evaluation measures to model SMH responsibilities in future. School and EMPS staff will meet during the second half of the day in regions to discuss referral processes.
- Full-day AMSR for clinicians training scheduled for 10/9. Wheeler is waiting on SPRC approval to publicize. Training is for cohort IA (Goodwin, Grasso, Norwich, Windham), related EMPS, St. Francis, Quirk, and CSU staff and will be repeated in late winter '08 for cohort IB (Cheyney, Ellis, Prince, Wolcott), related EMPS, etc. Training will be offered twice annually.
- Space permitting, all trainings are open to CYSPI Advisory Subcommittee and CYSAB members.

New Federal Project Officer

- DMHAS has received notice that the current project officer has resigned and a new GPO will be assigned. This will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> GPO on the grant so far.

SPRC Steering Committee

- Andrea has been invited to join the SPRC Steering Committee and beginning in November will be participating in quarterly phone calls and one meeting/conference annually. Membership includes representatives from 12 of 94 states, tribes and colleges with GLSMA grants, each of the centers at SAMHSA (CSAP, CSAT and CMHS), CDC, VA, and NIMH.

Support for Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act Reauthorization 2007

- Andrea has drafted a letter specific to CYSPI (provided as handout). DMHAS's Legislative Liaison is reviewing. Also looking into having Commissioner Kirk sign.

- Andrea has also discussed YSAB letter with Deanna who was waiting for member approval-active consent to send out. Advisory Committee members to contact Deanna expressing support and encouraging prompt turn around-mailing.
- Listing of congress people (distribution) provided.

#### Evaluation

- Copy of UCHC's article published in BMC Public Health provided demonstrating additional evidence for efficacy of SOS.

#### Mini-Grant

- Judy provided Education and Awareness Campaign mini-grant application for group review and comment. Suggested changes will be incorporated into document and made available at Update and Kick-Off event at Plainville Business Center 9/6 and on-line.
- Letters of intent and questions due by 9/17; proposals due by 10/5; review 10/16; awards announced 10/19.
- Applications will be reviewed at the next Advisory Committee Meeting.

#### Update and Kick-off Event

- Agenda includes overview of past year activities, announcement of education and awareness campaign (mini-grant program), and introduction to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) Out of the Darkness Walks.
- 60-90 minutes, 30 people have pre-registered including many who have not previously been involved in CYSPI efforts. Kimberly Gleason, New England Regional Director of AFSP and local Coordinators, Russ Cooper and Maureen Brown.
- Senator Dodd has been invited but will likely not attend and an invitation will be extended to Senator Lieberman.

#### Annual Grantee Meeting

- GLSM Annual Meeting is scheduled for the week of December 10 in Portland, OR.
- Grant proposal includes funding for up to 3 attendees from Connecticut, including Andrea and Allison. Faith V and Judith S nominated Bill T. Andrea will speak with him.

#### Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, October 16 - 9:00 to 12:00 noon – includes Mini-Grant Application review

Tuesday, December 18 - 9:00 to 10:30 AM

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Handouts: July 16 Meeting Minutes; CYSPI GLSM Reauthorization Support Letter; List of Connecticut Congress People; Evaluating the SOS Suicide Prevention Program: A Replication and Extension (Research Article); Education and Awareness Campaign Mini-Grant Application